Please, Thank You, and You’re Welcome! (10 pts.)

*(the magic words, in any language)*

When you make new acquaintances, and even new friends, in your host country, it is important that you treat **everyone** you meet with respect and courtesy, in order to establish a good rapport (huh?) and to make a good impression as an American in your host country.

Here is your task:

**First, log on to:** [**www.survivalphrases.com**](http://www.survivalphrases.com)

**Second, select the language of your culture.**

**Third, find the lesson for “Getting What You Want” or search for “Please,” etc. (Lesson #1)**

**Then,** **download the PDF file to read to complete this worksheet below for homework. Copy and paste the worksheet onto a new Word document, and complete the questions. When finished with your worksheet, save it as “PleaseLastname” and save it to your flash drive. Upload it to the Wiki.**

**Finally, you need to complete the Audio recording file in class. See your Audio Recording File Instruction sheet for information as to how to record and upload an audio file.**

**So let’s get to the worksheet! Answer the following questions. Don’t forget to upload both your worksheet and your audio file to the WIKI when finished!**

1. How do you say “Please” in your host culture?

“Pazhalusta”

1. Are there any other ways to say “Please”? When are they used? List them here:

To begin, “pazhalusta” is used when pointing at something. But, yes, there are other ways to use the word “please” in Russian. You may also say “Eta Pazhalusta” when you are describing a certain object. Therefore, you are saying “This Please.” Additionally, if you were asking for an object, you would say “Daite mne…, pozhalusta” which means “Give me…, please.”

1. Are there any special situations where the word or phrase for “Please” can be used? (hint: check for “Quick Tips”)

One special situation that “Please” can be used is if you wanted to say “Give me…, please,” if you were directly asking for an object. In Russian, this phrase is “Daite mne…, pozhalusta.”

***(continue on to do the lesson on “Thank you.”) ↓***

**Find the lesson for “Thank you.” (Lesson #2)**

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1. What is the expression for “Thank you.” In your host culture?

“Spasiba”

“Balshoye Spasiba” (Thank You Very Much)

“Blagadaryu Vas” (Formal)

1. Name at least three situations where you should respond with “Thank you” in your host culture:

Three situations where you should respond with “Thank You” in Russia are when someone is very generous, when you want to express much gratitude, or when someone does a simple good deed for you (“Spasiba”) (casual). Yet, there are other ways to thank in more formal ways such as “Blagadaryu Vas” meaning “I am grateful to you.”

1. Are there any other special expressions for special situations? What are they? For example, are there sometimes when you need to be more respectful? Does it depend upon whether you know the person or not?

Yes, there are special expressions for special situations. In the first place, there are different ways to refer to someone based on their relationship with them. If your relationship is formal, the polite way of using the word you would be “vy.” On the other hand, younger people or people with casual relationships, often refer to each other with the word “ty.” So, it does depend on whether you know the person or not, but many of the younger Russian people are not using “vy” as much. In addition, it is not necessary to use “ty” if you are meeting someone for the first time that is about your age at a casual event.

1. How do you express a degree of thankfulness in your host culture (for example, “Thank

you very much!)?

To express a degree of thankfulness in your host culture, you can add the word “Balshoye” which means big. Therefore, you would be stating “Big Thank You” which also can be translated to “Thank You Very Much.” To show if you are grateful (very thankful), you would say “Blagadaryu vas.”

***(continue on to do the lesson on “You’re welcome!”) ↓***

**Find the lesson for “You’re welcome!” (Lesson #3)**

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1. Is there a universal (appropriate for all situations) way to say “You’re welcome!” in your host country? What is it?

Yes, the main way to say “you’re welcome” in Russia is to say “Pazhalusta” which also mean “please.”

What are some of the situations where you can use it? (hint: check “Quick Tips”)

One situation where you can use it is if you hear “Spasiba (Thank You),” then you can reply “Pazhalusta (You’re Welcome)” or “Ne za shto (It’s Nothing).”

1. Is there a more formal way to say “You’re welcome!” in your host country? What is it?

Not Given in Lesson

1. What are any other ways to say “You’re welcome!”?

Beside “Pazhalusta,” another way to say “You’re welcome” in an informal way would be “Ne za shto (It’s Nothing).”

***(Looking ahead: Your next lesson will be on how to introduce yourself and to ask for someone else’s name).***